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AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN VENEZUELA THAT WOULD CREATE CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO A MILITARY TAKEOVER. THE GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED RIGHT-WING MILITARY PLOTTERS

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ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE VENEZUELAN

GOVERNMENT. THESE OFFICERS ARE LONG-TIME MALCONTENTS, THEY HOLD NO COMMAND POSITIONS, AND ARE NOT WELL REGARDED BY THEIR PEERS. THEY DO NOT REPRESENT A GROUP THAT COULD CARRY OFF A SUCCESSFUL COUP AGAINST A PRESIDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS MOST OBSERVERS AS THE UNCHALLENGED MASTER OF VENEZUELAND POLITICS.

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